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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 11, 2002 for the above-captioned application, Applicants hereby elect HIV as a species and Seq ID Nos. 18 and 20, as the elected forward and reverse primers. Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 are generic with respect to this election.

Respectfully submitted,

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WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIM FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Applicants hereby withdraw the previously submitted claim for small entity status.

This application should henceforth be treated as a large entity

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